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## WHAT WHISKY DOES.

ACTIONS OF A DRUNKARD ARE THOSE  
OF A MANIAC.

The Course and Symptoms of Inebriety  
Resemble the Progress of Insanity—How  
Alcohol Effects the Nerves—Paralysis and  
Death.

Alcoholic intoxication is insanity. The higher cerebral nerve centers are rendered inco-ordinate. The drunken man is a maniac and quite frequently, in the excitable stage, requires restraint. When a young man drinks wine at a party or convivially, he becomes excited, hilarious, more or less confused, inco-ordinate, then stupid, and then goes off into a comatose sleep until the poison is consumed, when he is restored once more to sanity.

Viewed entirely from the standpoint of physical pathology, without a knowledge of the cause, this debauch can only be called an attack of insanity. Now, it will be noted that the course and symptoms of a drunken fit resemble the whole course and progress of insanity. In the first stage is "elevation" of the higher cerebral centers—exaltation of self and visions of grandeur. The man is conscious of everything except that he is drunk. A few more drinks, and then the higher centers take on confusion, the lower centers become paralyzed, speech is thickened, the gait is staggering, the man reels, mutters, grows stupid and relapses into coma and general paralysis and is dead drunk. This is the typical course of the disease known as general paralysis. In the first stages of this disease there is mental exaltation, then mental perversion, then the low centers become involved, and finally the scene ends with coma and general paralysis.

In a debauch alcohol first attacks the higher nerve centers—cerebrum and cerebellum. The reason is because these centers have less resistance than the lower to alcohol. The lower centers are involved later and are affected least. But cases are numerous in which the lower centers are poisoned with fatal effects. The debauchee sinks into deep coma; the poisoning fatally involves and paralyzes the lower nerve centers, which causes the heart and respiration to fail, and the coma fades away into oblivion—the inebriate is dead.

Nerve cells are very impressionable. They have the power of becoming educated. Repeated impressions made upon them from any source will cause this training or conduct or mode of action or education. When the brain cells are educated, they perform their functions according to the form and type of this training. They act as they are taught to act.

Now, all inebriety is periodical, though apparently many cases may be constant or continuous, but in every case this periodicity may be found, though it varies from a part of a day to part of a decade in duration. The real reason of this is because the nerve cells were taught to demand and resist alcohol in this periodical manner. No man drinks just as much every hour. He leaves intervals between drinks and between debauches. When he has established a carving for liquor, he will automatically imitate the method of drinking as it was first indulged.

But repeated debauches educate the cells into inebriety. The mental manifestations of inebriety are those of insanity. I consider an inebriate an insane person. I regard his insanity as the circular variety and will give my reasons. Kirchhoff says circular insanity is a periodical attack of mania, succeeded by an interval of melancholy or even interval of apparent sanity.

The periodical inebriate fills these indications. He is periodically a maniac. His debauches are followed by an interval of apparent freedom from liquor and mania. I do not say that all inebriates should be confined in an asylum, but I certainly do say that were they not known to be drinking men their mental manifestations and conduct would convict all of them of insanity in the courts, and they would be sent to asylums.—Dr. Keeley in Arena.

### The Gothenburg System.

The London Times' correspondence from Gothenburg has aroused considerable interest in temperance circles by its report of the workings of the Scandinavian system of government control. The law applies only to the sale of distilled spirits and not to wine or malt liquors. The result is, of course, the increased sale of the latter in far greater proportion than the decrease in the former, the amount of drunkenness remaining about the same. The result of the inquiry naturally is that the cure of drunkenness is not to be found in the Gothenburg plan of regulation.

The latest report of an English life insurance company is another evidence in favor of total abstinence. Comparing the general section with the temperature section, it is found that in the former the percentage of actual deaths during the past year as compared with the expected deaths was 79.84 per cent, while in the temperature section the same comparison showed a per cent of 94.67.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court in and for Marion county, Florida, in a matter wherein Mrs. Elizabeth V. Tompkins is plaintiff and H. L. Anderson as assignee of the late firm of Tompkins Bros., composed of W. T. Tompkins and W. D. Tompkins, defendants, I have levied upon and will on Wednesday, the 31 day of October, sell to the highest and bidder for cash, within the legal hours of sale, on lot 557 of the townsite of Dunnellon, in the town of Dunnellon, Marion county, Fla., the same being the leased premises upon which said property is located, the following described personal property, to wit:

Four pieces of pants cloth; three pieces of cambric; two pieces of lining; 2 pieces of flannel; one lot ladies hose; 14 pieces of gingham; 5 pieces check homespun; 12 pieces of yellow homespun; 7 pieces of white goods; 18 pieces of dress goods; 21 pieces of calicoes; 133 pairs pants; 90 coats and vests; lot ladies' vests; lot men's undershirts; lot ladies' waists; lot corsets (24); lot flannel; lot ladies' belts; lot albums (8); lot lace; lot men's scarfs; two men's overcoats; four alpaca coats; 2 doz. napkins; lot collars; lot handkerchiefs; lot gloves; lot picture frames; lot note paper; box note paper; lot suspenders; lot memorandum books and pads; lot towels; lot hardware; lot drugs; dozen axes; keg powder; 5 doz. bottles of extracts; dozen syrup pitchers; 42 tin buckets; dozen goblets; lot lamp wicks; three meat dishes; dozen dish pans; lot of chimneys and lamp globes; lot of paint in pound boxes; lot of plow castings; lot of sapling (22); 2 doz. cans corn; 18 cans cherries; 18 cans 3 lb. tomatoes; 30 boxes diamond dust; 10 pounds of North Carolina tobacco; dozen bottles catsup; dozen plates; two cans, and tea in said cans; lot shirts; lot pants (127); lot coats (20); one show case and contents; lot of cheap shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes (27 pairs); 9 pairs of ladies' shoes; 3 pairs patent leather pumps; 117 pairs gents' shoes; 15 pairs of shoes; 83 pairs of ladies' shoes assorted; 3 trunks; 800 lbs. nails; showcase and 13 ladies' trimmed hats; lot straw hats; lot men's hats; lot of emporium; 4 white vests; 2 alpaca coats and vests; 5 boys' suits; 7 white coats; 10 light suits; 20 umbrellas; showcase and contents; thread case and contents; showcase and contents; 11 ax handles; a pair iron hames; 3 pair scales; coffee mill; box potato; lot stove pipe and elbows; 3 spiders; roll wire netting; oil tank; 5 lbs. of ball twine; 2 snatches; 1 heater and lot pipe; 8 valves; showcase and contents; thread case and lot buttons; 2 hanging lamps complete (B. & L.); 1 mackintosh coat; 5 lanterns; 20 split baskets; iron safe (Moser Safe & Lock Co.); office stool; wood desk; 2 pairs trace chains; lot of crockery; plow stock; 13 cases 3 lb. tomatoes; 20 cases 2 lb. tomatoes; barrel fuses; 12 joints stove pipe; lot lamp chimneys; or so much thereof as will satisfy said execution and costs. B. DUPRE HODGE, Sheriff Marion county, Fla.

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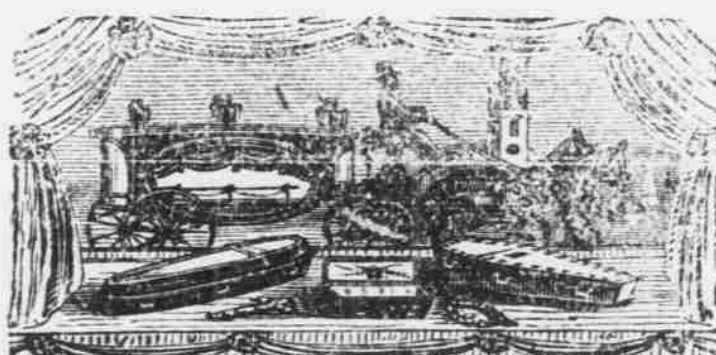
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